(c) if so, what is latest stand taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Indian Airlines is considering induction of new aircraft to replace the fleet of Airbus A300 (including leased aircraft) and Boeing 737 aircraft and also to augment capacity to cater to the expected annual growth of around 5% in the domestic traffic. The technical evaluation of the aircraft proposed for induction has been completed. It is estimated that induction of around 38 aircraft during five years period will be required.

Indian Airlines has now been advised to formulate a specific proposal for acquisition of these aircrafts for Government's approval.

(b) and (c) No bidder for Indian Airlines is left in the fray. Decision regarding restarting of the process or otherwise has so far not been taken.

Scanning of Pilots and trainee Pilots

2894. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Court has asked Government to conduct a survey of all the pilots and trainee pilots in view of the recent terrorist attack on World Trade Centre in New York on September 11, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the scanning would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

First-Aid Training to Air Hostesses

2895. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are instances when passengers in Indian Airlines aircraft died during flights;

(b) if so, the number of such cases during the last one year; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to train air-hostesses with first-aid measures and provide adequate first-aid box in each flight especially to attend heart and asthama patients?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of passenger deaths during flights in Indian Airlines Aircraft from October, 2000 to October, 2001 is four. These deaths were not due to any accident or incident on board.

(c) The Cabin Crew (Airhostesses/Flight Stewards) are trained in first aid administration as per requirements laid out in the Training Manual prescribed by DGCA to deal with the medical emergencies. Such training is imparted at the time of initial induction in the service and also through, regular and periodical refresher courses. The Cabin Crew are trained to administer first aid to heart and asthma patients also.

Each aircraft is equipped with prescribed number of first aid boxes and physician's kit (which can be used by any qualified doctor on board). The first aid boxes and physician's kit contain most of the life supporting medicines in compliance of instructions issued by DGCA.

Closure of Centaur Hotel, New Delhi

2896. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centaur Hotel, New Delhi is running in huge loss;

(b) if so, since when it has been running in loss and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is a proposal to wind-up/close down the Centaur Hotel; and

(d) if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) (a) and (b) Centaur Hotel, Delhi has been incurring losses since 1997-1998. The main reasons of losses